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Title of Invention: Method of preparation of benzofuran-2-  
carboxylic acid {(S)-3-methyl-1-[(4S,7R)-7-  
methyl-3-oxo-1-(pyridine-2-sulfonyl)-azepan-4-  
ylcarbamoyl]-butyl}-amide

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 31 of this paper.